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Applicant(s)

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### **AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2002, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

#### IN THE DRAWINGS:

Applicants submit herewith four (4) sheets of formal drawings for consideration.

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 17 and insert therefore as follows:

Figure 4 is a cross-sectional view of the assembly taken along line IV-IV of Figure 1.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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RATE	ADDL. FEE	OR		
x 9=	\$			
x 42=	\$	OR		
x 140=	\$			
TOTAL	\$ 0.00			

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RATE	ADDL. FEE
x 18=	\$54.00
x 84=	\$252.00
x 280=	\$
TOTAL	\$ 306.00

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冈 Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

Ø Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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